

**Southeast Tech**  
Fall 2020 Overview  
**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**Purpose:**

To provide the School Board with a Fall 2020 Overview Report.

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Southeast Tech President, Bob Griggs, will provide an overview of the fall semester, including information on final fall enrollment numbers, record fall-to-fall retention, placement rates for our 2020 graduates, and a summary of COVID-19 isolation and quarantine cases on campus. President Griggs will also outline some recent college program recognitions and honors, community student & staff volunteer activity, and discuss a new diversity initiative for Spring 2021.

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**Administrative Recommendation to School Board:**

Acknowledge the Fall 2020 Overview Report.



**SOUTHEAST**  
Technical College

## FALL 2020 Enrollment



- **Up 1% in degree seeking students**
  - National Student Clearinghouse -9.5%
- **48% of the students enrolled for Fall 2020 are part-time**
  - 31% of the credits for Fall 2020 are taken by part-time students.
- **Growing minority student population**
  - (2017: 11% → 2020: 17%)
- **Approx. 38% of students PELL eligible in 2019-20**
- **14% of students from out-of-state**
  - 2,123 in-state/303 out-of-state = 2,426 students
  - 9% dual credit enrollment

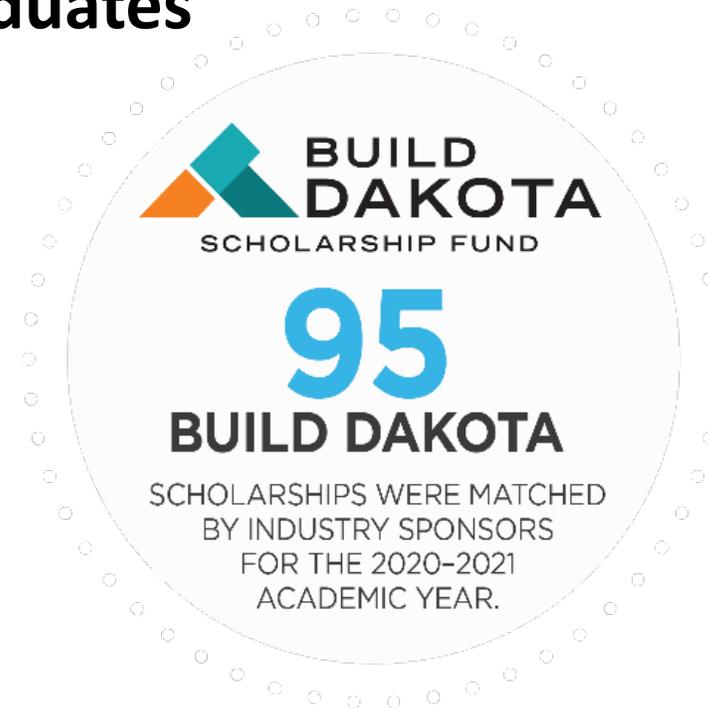
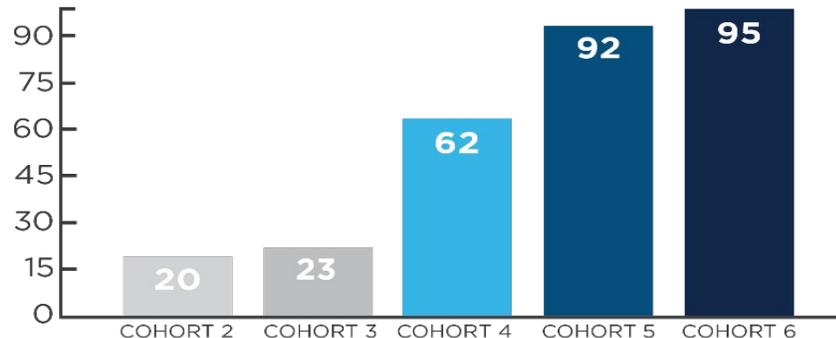
## FALL 2019 to Fall 2020 Retention

- Fall-to-Fall retention rate **increased from 72% in 2019 to 76% in 2020**
  - 76% Highest Fall-to-Fall retention rate ever at Southeast Tech
  - 32% non-traditional students
- **98% placement for Spring 2020 graduates**

### **BUILD DAKOTA** SCHOLARSHIPS

Full-ride scholarships in Southeast Tech's most in-demand programs are awarded annually.

#### **SPONSORSHIP GROWTH**



## New Programs to Meet Area Workforce Needs

- **Construction Trades**

- 3 New Certificates (Fall 2019)



- **Medical Assistant**

- Diploma (Fall 2019)



- **Commercial Class B**

- **Driver's License**

- (Fall 2019)



- **Telecommunications**

- **Tower Technician**

- Certificate (Spring 2020) (using Vikor's tower training facilities)



- **Dental Assistant**

- Diploma (Fall 2020)



- **Veterinary Technician**

- A.A.S. (Fall 2020) (using McCrossan's large animal facilities)



- **Paramedic Science**

- Associates (Fall 2021) (using Sanford facilities)



- **Respiratory Therapy**

- Associates (Fall 2021)



**\*10 new programs in the last two years to meet area workforce needs**

# Recognition & Honors

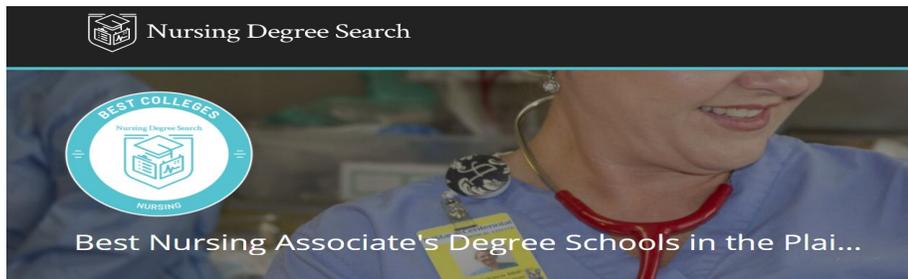
## Southeast Tech's LPN Program Ranked #2 in Midwest

NursingProcess.org Studies 660 Schools

Southeast Technical College's LPN program is ranked No. 2 in the Midwest by NursingProcess.org. The study looks 660 programs in the region and bases its findings on NCLEX-PN pass rates, academic quality, the nursing school's reputation and affordability.

[READ THE STUDY](#)

[LEARN ABOUT THE LPN PROGRAM](#)



## 2021 Best Nursing Associate's Degree Schools in the Plains States Region



**#1**

**Southeast Technical Institute**  
Sioux Falls, SD

## Southeast Tech Ranked No.8 in Brookings Institute

596 Two-Year Colleges Part of Study on Middle-Class Mobility



Southeast Tech was recently ranked No. 8 in a study by the Brookings Institute on middle-class mobility in higher education. Each institution was analyzed to see how a school's selectivity, size, or sector impacts students' future economic outcomes.

## Southeast Tech gets nod from Aspen Institute

Patrick Anderson, Sioux Falls Argus Leader Published 11:53 a.m. CT Nov. 5, 2019



Southeast Tech again named to list of Nation's Top 150 two-year colleges.

## Southeast Tech Ranked in the Top 10

The Guide to Online Schools recently published its 2020 Best Online Community College Rankings nationally and by state. Southeast Tech is featured in their rankings. Southeast Tech is listed No. 8 nationally and No. 1 in the state of South Dakota.

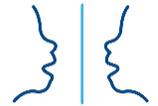
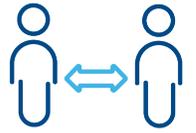
- [2020 Best Online Community Colleges: #8](#)
- [2020 Best Online Community Colleges in South Dakota: #1](#)

Guide to Online Schools' national list includes the 25 best accredited schools across the country, while their state lists highlight the top community colleges in each state for prospective students who plan to stay local. Both the overall and state lists were ranked by several important factors, including retention rate, graduation rate, percentage of online enrollment data and the number of online associate degrees offered. They also provide a manually researched tuition rate, sourced from each college's official website.

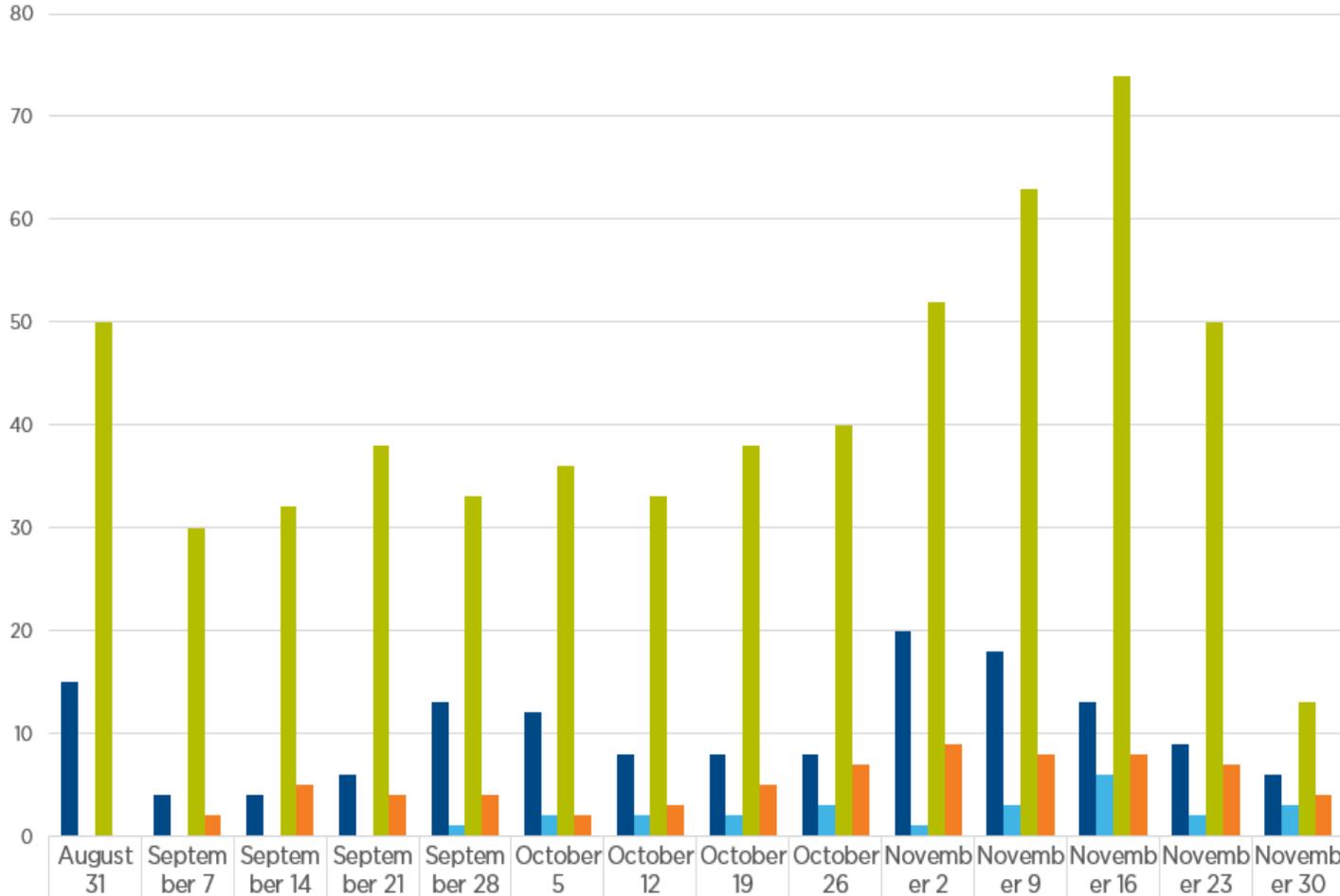


# Strategies for Spring 2021:

- Signage **promoting social distancing** in campus buildings.
- **Plexiglass barriers** to reduce virus transmission.
- Continued use of hand sanitizers stations and sanitizing equipment.  
**(HaloMist foggers)**
- **Additional cleaning protocols** and **increased ventilation** in buildings.
- **Mandatory use of face masks** in campus buildings.
- Symptom Monitoring (**temperature kiosks** across campus)
- Increased **classroom and lab social distancing** strategies.
- Some classes will **split on-campus attendance** days.
- Close working relationship with Sioux Falls Community Health.
- Following CDC recommendations for isolation and quarantine.
- Developed internal **Contact Tracing Team**.



# COVID-19 AT SOUTHEAST TECHNICAL COLLEGE



Positive Students (in isolation)	15	4	4	6	13	12	8	8	8	20	18	13	9	6
Positive Employees (in isolation)	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	2	3	1	3	6	2	3
Students in Quarantine	50	30	32	38	33	36	33	38	40	52	63	74	50	13
Employees in Quarantine	0	2	5	4	4	2	3	5	7	9	8	8	7	4





# Going Above and Beyond for our Students!

## **COVID-19 Specific...**

COVID Task Force; COVID Contact Tracing Team added to their workload and contacted more than 500 students/employees since August 2020: Created COVID-19 website and maintained since March 2020: Prepped spaced for re-opening; Enforced social distancing and mask wearing; Staggered staffing schedules (setting up work from home arrangements)

## **Admissions/Financial Aid...**

Virtual and In-Person High School Visits, Virtual College Fairs, Virtual Campus Visit Days, Virtual High School Tours (with faculty), Virtual Build Dakota Road Shows, Hosting Virtual Office Hours

## **Marketing...**

Implemented Online Chat on Website, New Campus Map, New Campus Tour Videos, New Student Services Tours, New Program Videos (Media students helped shoot footage and currently with the professional Video Editor); Produced Virtual Graduation Ceremonies

## **Student Success...**

Hosted Virtual and In-Person “Mini” AAR Events; Graduation In-A-Box Mailings; Virtual and In-Person Job Fairs; Virtual SGA Meetings and Virtual Student Engagement Opportunities

## **Tutoring, Disability Services & Counseling**

Providing online and in-person tutoring options for students; Conducting in-person and virtual intakes for new students and continuing to connect with current students virtually as needed email, phone, Teams and in-person...whatever works best for students. More students served through on-campus professional counseling than ever before in Southeast Tech’s history.

# Going Above and Beyond for our Students!

## **Faculty COVID-19 Efforts...**

- Rebuilt curriculum to go online or hybrid
- Exhibited flexibility and creativity in managing classrooms and working with students who were out for illness or quarantine
- Creating labs and demonstration spaces in their homes to conduct classes from home
- Collaboration with other departments to conduct events virtually
- Covering each others' classes while ill or out on quarantine
- Continuing to work while on quarantine
- Implementing new technologies (hardware and software) to conduct classes
- Worked and encouraged students to maintain progress in the class
- Set up numerous independent study arrangements
- Working additional hours (evenings, weekends)
- Enforced PPE Policy and Wore PPE while teaching

**Level of compassion and empathy with students by faculty and staff with colleagues was outstanding!**

## FALL 2020 Campus Highlights

- Congrats to DMS and LPN programs for outstanding accreditation reviews!
- Sioux Falls Development Foundation Talent Draft Day

### **Talent Draft Day draws high school, college students from 11 states**

About 2,000 students tuned in for the morning session, which featured 10 training camps and gave an up-close look at opportunities at Southeast Technical College – everything from residential construction to HVAC and welding.

- Dental Assisting & Vet Tech Labs renovations completed
- Graduation in a Box – Friday, Dec. 11

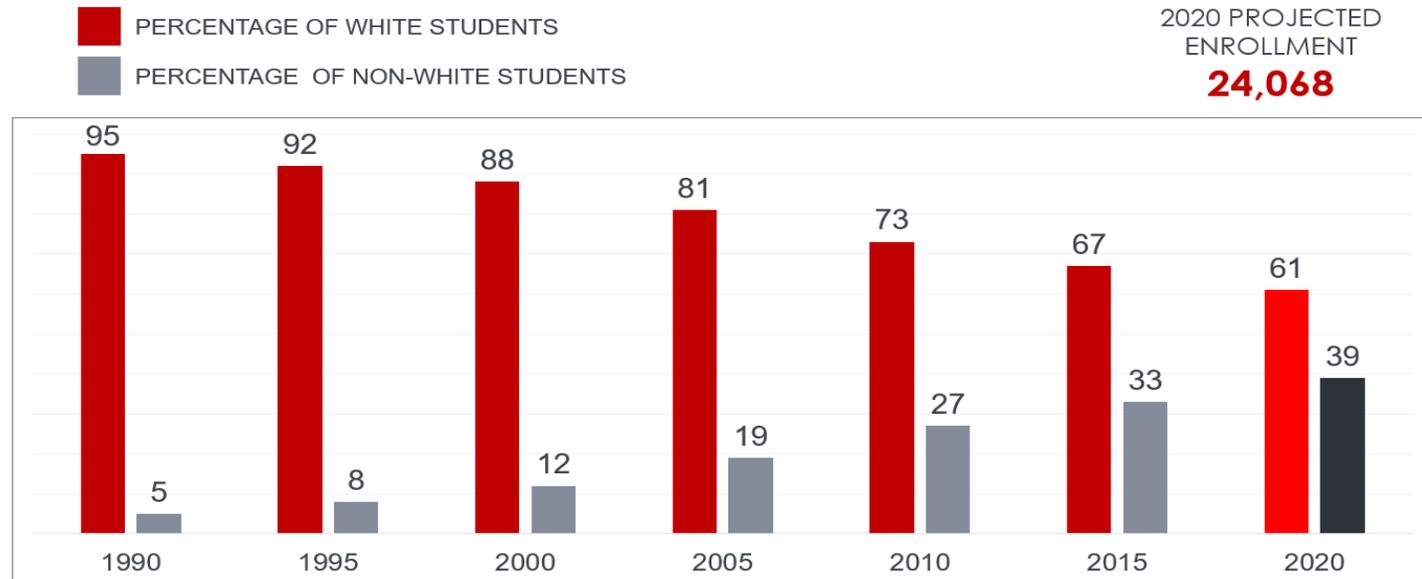


## Growing Diverse Student Population in SF

- **Diversity and Inclusion – welcoming & accessible**
  - Approx. 32% of SFSD graduates do not go on to any postsecondary option

### SF PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT ENROLLMENT HISTORY BY ETHNICITY

FORWARD SIOUX FALLS INVESTOR BRIEFING



## Spring 2021 Collaboration & Partnership Initiatives

- Diversity Initiative for 2021
  - Faculty & Staff Professional Development (cultural awareness and inclusivity training)
  - Focus on improving the Academic Teaching & Learning Environment (provide extra support for students and faculty to address challenges such as English language issues in the classroom)
  - Removing institutional barriers: Review policies and practices such as audit registration holds and review policies,
  - Explore participation in Moon Shot for Equity <https://eab.com/moon-shot-for-equity/> a national initiative to close equity gaps in higher education
  - Hire a Southeast Tech Diversity Coordinator through funding provided by the Southeast Tech Foundation
- Neighborhood Revitalization Program – Fall 21



## Working with the State & Area Communities

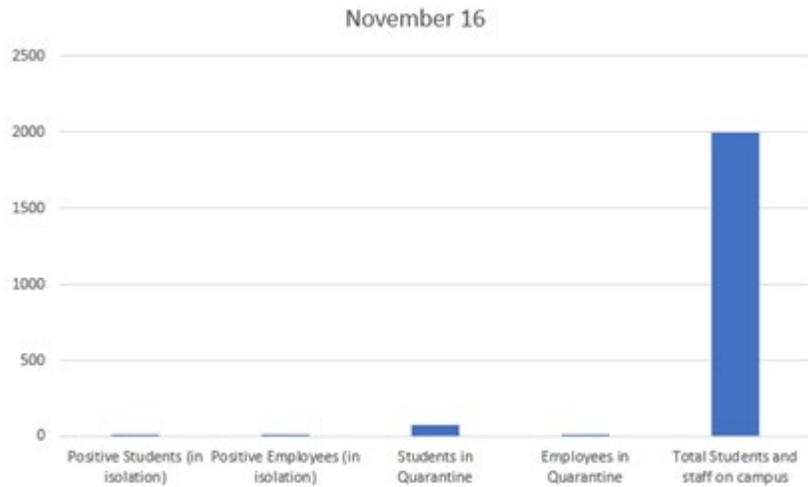
- South Dakota UpSkill Program – SD Dept of Labor
- Huron Regional Medical Center (Huron Community Campus)
  - Registered Nursing Program - 2018
  - Licensed Practical Nursing Program – 2020
  - Medical Assisting Program – proposed Fall 2021
- Yankton
  - Regional Technical Education Center
- Working with Area High Schools
  - CTE, Tea, Brandon, Harrisburg, Madison, West Central
- South Dakota Department of Education
  - Perkins Consortium with 17 area high schools



## We are at our best when we celebrate, help, and support one another.

- **Rake the Town** – Over sixty faculty, staff, and students helped area residents at this city-wide event that serves individuals over the age of 60 who do not have family available in the area to help with their fall yard work.
- **Laundry Basket Food Donation** – The Student Government Association (SGA), organized a food drive that collected more than 30 laundry baskets of food donations this fall for students and area families in need.
- **Southeast Tech Flu Shot Clinic** - Nursing students working with Sioux Falls Community Health in conjunction with the South Dakota Department of Health, provided a free flu shot clinic for the first time on our campus.
- **Veterans Memorial Repair** – Second-year Collision Technology students refinished the Veterans Memorial Park sign for the community of Colman. The huge iron archway is now proudly displayed at the entrance to the Veteran's Memorial Park.
- **LifeScape and Southeast Tech Students Adapting Toys** - Electrician and Mechatronics students volunteered to help make toy modifications for special-needs children and adults for the upcoming Christmas holiday.





Thank you. Questions?